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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

YOSHIDA et al.

Art Unit: 1755

Application No.: 09/696,013

Examiner: C. Koslow

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For: FERROMAGNETIC ZnO-TYPE COMPOUND INCLUDING TRANSITION
METALLIC ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTING FERROMAGNETIC
CHARACTERISTICS THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 5, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated February 4, 2003, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5, 11, and 12 without prejudice amend the claims in the
following manner:

Please amend claims 6-10 as follows:

6. (Thrice Amended) A method for adjusting ferromagnetic characteristics of a
ferromagnetic ZnO-type compound, wherein said method comprises controlling the
amount of one of (1) to (3), or the combination of at least two metallic elements of (1) or
(2) added to the ZnO-type compound, wherein (1) to (3) are:
(1) at least one metallic element selected from a group consisting of transition metallic
elements V, Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, Rh or Ru,